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24 (100.24.66)					This is for information. We have set up a special review group to
3)					Consider the recommendations Contained in the Task Force Report
					on Working Married Couples. D/OP, NFAC, S&T, DDO, OCC and COMMO
					were represented. With the exception of the PRA issue
5.79.64.75					[Recommendation:#4], we have reache agreement on how to deal with each recommendation, assigning
6.					responsibility for implementation where appropriate. We have
					revised our policy with respect to LWOP and reemployment rights (see
7.				Tiller process	attached memorandum) We are work- ing on appropriate publications to
8.					announce the changes The PRA issue is a complex one which will
				4	require further study by D/OP.
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy Director for Operations File Personne Director National File Director, National Foreign Assessment Center Deputy Director for Science and Technology

General Counsel

FROM:

Clifford D. May, Jr.

Associate Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT:

Task Force on Working Married Couples

REFERENCE:

Report of the Working Group on Working

Married Couples, July 1979

The referent report concerned a study conducted by a task force designated by the DDA to review potential problems regarding the assignment of working married couples to overseas locations. The report has now been reviewed by a panel consisting of representatives of each of the addressee offices and the DDA. This memorandum concerns the first two recommendations in the report, which were as follows:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1: Agency management should re-examine the need for the working married spouse going on leave without pay to sign the special "Memorandum of Understanding" (Tab A) as currently written, and consider treating all leave without pay situations on an equal basis within the Agency.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2: The Agency should establish a policy giving absolute priority on all vacancies to those employees returning from LWOP.

- 2. At a meeting on 10 October 1979, the panel concluded that Agency policy with respect to leave without pay and re-employment rights of spouses should be revised. Specifically, it is recommended that the policy be as follows:
 - a. When an employee/spouse is accompanying an employee to a post as a dependent, the spouse will be granted ninety days of leave without pay.
 - If a position for the spouse is not identified prior to the expiration of the ninety days of LWOP, the

spouse's resignation will be accepted. Subject to approval by the Director of Personnel, operating components may extend the ninety-day LWOP when it appears that a position will be available in the near future.

- c. An employee/spouse who resigns to accompany an employee to a foreign post will be given a firm commitment for re-employment when the sponsor returns to Head-quarters, subject to ceiling restrictions which may have been imposed during the interim, and security and medical considerations. Re-employment will be in the same career service and at the same grade level, but it may involve a position in the Headquarters area other than the position occupied by the spouse at the time of departure.
- d. If the employee is transferred laterally to other foreign locations, the spouse will be given priority consideration for vacancies which may exist at the subsequent posts of assignment. In the absence of such opportunities, a lateral assignment does not affect the re-employment commitment to the spouse.
- 3. With your concurrence, the above policy will be implemented immediately, and the Office of Personnel will develop and publish 25% appropriate instructions.